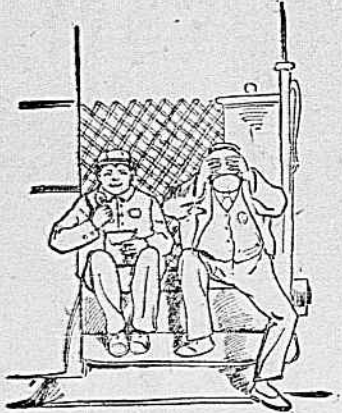


SOME HAVE TEN MINUTES TO EAT, SOME SWALLOW MEALS ON THE FLY, AND SUCH IS THE MOTORMAN'S LIFE

The Street-Car People Don't Have Any Time to Spare, and Yet They Seem to be Contented With Life.

TWO SHIFTS ARE MADE EACH DAY IN THE WEEK.



TROLLEY MEN'S HURRIED MEAL.

Because they have to work and earn their daily bread, many of the people who go to make up the world to labor at all times of the day and night. But the hours of none are more irregular than those of the motorman and conductors of the many street-car lines which traverse different parts of the city.

When do the men eat and sleep? is often asked by the inquiring public, but few have any idea what hours they keep and what is required of them.

On some lines the employees who work on the cars are allowed a short time during the day in which to eat their meal, while on others no time is taken out of this at all, and the conductors and motormen have to eat when and where they can and as best they may.

TWO SHIFTS.

The force of men who run the cars are divided into two shifts, who relieve each other and break the length of the day. The day shift will go on duty at 6:30 o'clock in the morning, and continue until 6:30 in the evening, when they are relieved by the night shift, who have charge until midnight, the last car reaching the sheds about 12:30 A. M. The shifts continue the same assignment of

hours for the period of two weeks, when they change places, and the day force goes on at night and the night shift comes on during the day, thus equalizing the hours and letting the night force off part of the time.

TEN MINUTES FOR BREAKFAST.

On the Richmond Traction Company's lines the men who come on at 6:30 o'clock in the morning, are given ten minutes for breakfast. The car that arrives at the sheds at 7:35 remains ten minutes. Instead of five, and the men get out their breakfast and make a hasty meal, seated on the steps of the car, or on the curbing, when the weather is pleasant. After the allotted time the first car moves off just after the next arrives, and so on until the full list is completed and every man has had his morning meal.

This simply throws back the time five minutes and in no way disturbs the schedule, which continues the same.

The first dinner-car as it is called by the men, arrives at the sheds at 11:11 A. M., and the same routine is gone through as at breakfast. When the time for supper arrives, the shifts change and the men coming on for the night are supposed to eat their meals, but as each car lays over five minutes at the end of each trip, the men are able to eat hurried meals before starting the next trip.

MEALS IN BASKETS.

All motormen and conductors have their meals sent to them in baskets. Most of them live near the line, and when the wife or mother has packed the basket it is given in charge of the first car, which carries it either to the hands of the owner, or places it on a corner where the conductors generally get them. Near midday, on the corner of Fourteenth and Main Streets and at First and Broad Streets may be seen a number of dinner-baskets, waiting for their owners, and, strange to say, no one ever molests them.

Although the men are out to great inconvenience, in regard to their meals, and have peculiarly undesirable hours, and have to like their work, and one of them said that the life of a street-car conductor was very fascinating.

A NEW RAILWAY FOR ABINGDON

Citizens Jubilant Over Prospect for Early Completion.

REPUBLICAN DELEGATES.

Those to Represent Lee and Scott Counties at the District and State Conventions are Chosen—Mortman Gets Damages.

BRISTOL, VA., March 21.—Special.—Arrangements are now about perfected for the completion of the Abingdon-Damascus Railway between Abingdon and Damascus, Va., and for its extension into Johnson County, Tenn. Mr. Robert Gray, the engineer-in-chief, will begin about April 1st locating the route for the Johnson County extension. The money has been doubtfully on hand for the work, and the citizens of Abingdon are jubilant over the prospects for the early completion of the road.

The chief interest in connection with the completion of this road will be the development of rich manganese deposits and opening of a vast forest of new timber.

The Republicans of Lee and Scott Counties, and also of the city of Bristol, have held their respective conventions to select delegates to the district and State conventions, the latter to be held at Norfolk on the 10th day of April, and the former in Bristol on April 5th.

The delegates from Lee County to the State convention are: W. C. Caldwell, J. C. Noel, J. B. McLean, H. C. Joslin, J. B. Haden, C. N. Morgan, W. E. Fletcher, J. H. Walker, D. S. Hale, S. M. Owens, J. L. Godsey, and G. W. Blankenship. The Scott Republicans adopted a resolution approving of the course of Gen. James A. Walker. In contesting the election of Congressman Rhea, of the Ninth District, the delegates appointed by the convention were instructed to vote for and use their influence for Hon. E. A. Hoge, to be a delegate from the Ninth District to the National Republican convention.

The Bristol convention selected the following delegates to the State convention: Stuart F. Lindsey, Charles F. Ganthier, Alvan D. F. Bailey. Mr. Lindsey was endorsed and recommended to be a delegate to the National convention. Mr. D. F. Bailey was endorsed for election by both the Lee County and Bristol conventions.

The Virginia Iron, Coal and Coke Company has purchased the McGee addition to Bristol, for which it paid \$15,000. The company has just filed a new batch of deeds to be recorded, representing a number of purchases.

UNION MEETING.

On Wednesday night of this week a union mass-meeting was held in the First Presbyterian Church under the auspices of the Bristol Y. M. C. A. The meeting was largely attended. The first part of the programme consisted of special music. The chief speaker of the evening was Mr. Fred B. Smith, of Chicago, International secretary of the Y. M. C. A. Mr. Smith's address was devoted mainly to the religious work of the association.

A telegram received here during the

week announced the sudden death in a New York hospital of Walter C. Oakes, a popular Bristol boy, who went to New York a few months ago to accept a position. It is supposed his death was due to pneumonia. He was eighteen years of age. His remains were brought to Montvale, Va., near Roanoke, to be interred beside the grave of his father, the Bristol Law Court this week.

Edward Cartwright, a motorman, received a verdict for \$1,000 against the Bristol Belt Line Railway Company, as the result of an action for alleged damages, due to personal injuries sustained while in the employ of the company. The amount sued for was \$2,000.

Through Attorneys H. G. Peters and W. S. Hamilton, J. M. Crowell has brought suit in the Hustings Court seeking to set aside a deed which he made to William Floyd for property in West Bristol valued at \$5,000. The defendant is charged with fraud and misrepresentation in securing the deed.

Mr. George W. Oakes, manager of the Chattanooga Times, has gone to Paris to make arrangements for the publication in that city during the Paris Exposition of a Paris edition of the New York Times, of which his brother, Mr. Adolph Oakes, is manager. The paper will be published in the United States Building.

Regalias for Esseques.

One of the handsomest regalias ever purchased by a secret order has been secured by the Knights of the Ancient Esseques Order. The Senate is only a few months old, and are to be congratulated. At their next meeting one of Richmond's leading physicians is to be inducted into the mysteries. Present rehearsals of the degree team have been held.

Norfolk and Western Earnings.

The estimated gross earnings of the Norfolk and Western Railway for the third week of March were \$212,287, an increase of \$17,564.

Total for month to date was \$749,426, an increase of \$127,408.

July 1, 1899, to latest date, \$9,919,569, an increase of \$1,675,637.

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RICHMOND COLLEGE BALL TEAM THIS YEAR

WILL BE CREDITABLE TO THE INSTITUTION

AND WILL MAKE A GOOD RECORD IN THE FIELD



H. L. McRAIN.
(Manager.)



ROY D. WHITE.
(Captain.)



RYLAND SANFORD.
(First Base.)

Already There are a Number of Applicants Trying for Positions, and There is Every Reason to Expect That When the Season Opens the Players Will be in Good Training for the Various Games Scheduled This Season.

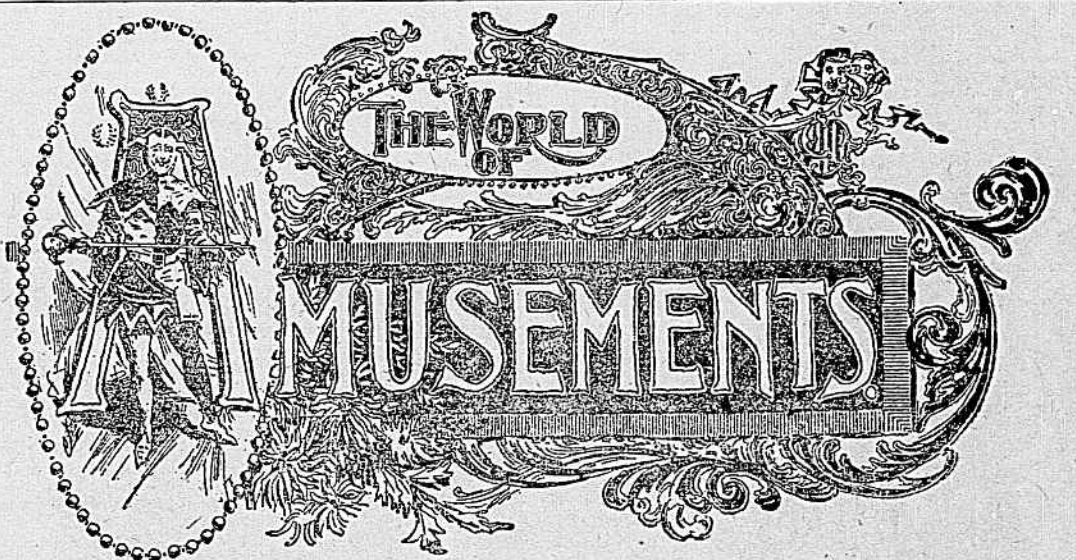
The Richmond College base-ball team has been practicing for several days at the Broad-Street Park. Present indications bid fair for a first-class team this season.

The following are some of the applicants for the team: Boyd, catcher, which position on the team was occupied by Mr. Boyd last season and there is no doubt that he will be found to be the man for the place this year. Staples and Simmons are also applicants for the above position. These are new men, but they play good ball.

The pitcher's box will be held down by White, Captain, Shepard, Sanford and Taylor. There are two applicants for first base, Harrison and Sanford, both of whom are good men. Applicants for second base are Staples and Taylor. At short, Captain, White and Tipton will play. For third base Kerfoot has no opposition. There are numerous applicants for the field. Among those trying for left field are Boatwright, Sutherland, Woodward and Simmons. Applicants for center are Allen, Leatt, Huggins and Blandon.

For right field are Allport, Jennings, Straus and Ish.

Manager H. Lee McBain has arranged the following schedule: McCabe's School at Richmond, March 31st; Randolph-Macon College at Ashland, April 2d; Gallaudet College at Washington, April 6th; Episcopal High School at Alexandria, April 7th; Hampden-Sydney College at Farmville; Lehigh University at Richmond, April 16th; Washington and Lee at Lexington, April 20th; Virginia Military Institute at Lexington, April 21st; William and Mary College at Richmond; St. Albans School at Richmond; Randolph-Macon at Richmond; Virginia Polytechnic Institute at Richmond, May 3d; Richmond League team at Richmond.



AMUSEMENTS THIS WEEK.

Academy—Thursday—"Why Smith Left Home."

Bijou—High-class vaudeville.

"Why Smith Left Home" will be seen at the Academy next Thursday. The management of this Broadway production has taken advantage of the interrogative cognomen and made all sorts of plays upon it, so that from the infinite variety of sources for reaching the public, the public is informed that the play is a healthy, clean farce. The story is one that naturally arouses anticipation, but just "Why Smith Left Home" must remain unanswered in these lines for the simple reason that the Broadway management will allow that question to be answered by the audience.

The company is said to be a good one. Theatre-goers at various times have become acquainted with the clever work of Frank Tannehill, Jr., Eugene Redding, C. Jay Williams, Frederick Roberts, Gilbert Gardner, Nellie Maskell, Jennie Engle, Lottie Williams Salter, Rose Hubbard, Belle Chamberlin and Lizzie May Ulmer.

These clever people make up one of the best balanced organizations in the farcical department on the road.

At the Bijou.

There is no question as to the success of the "Why Smith Left Home" at the Bijou this week. Manager Wells will present one of the best comedy bills that he has had the pleasure to bring to this city. There are three headline acts and as a matter of fact McAvoy and May, a new act to the Southern people, will head the lists of entertainers, who commencing to-morrow night, open a week's engagement. Dan McAvoy and Jessie May are known all over the world as progressive comedy artists. They do "new" comedy work and do it well. Tom Lewis, the minstrel king, and Sam J. Ryan, the well-known actor-comedian, joined hands a few weeks ago, and their

success has been wonderful. They have been headlining at the finest theatres in the East and West. Tom Lewis is a popular minstrel favorite here, and his welcome will be a warm one.

Hugh Stanton and Florence Modena, will present their new sketch "A Bar Gain Friend." The entertainers were seen at the Bijou last season in "For Reform," and scored the hit of a splendid bill. The new sketch is said to be funnier than the old one. Mr. Stanton, and his pretty assistant are clever performers. The American Comedy Four, a quartette of singers and dancers are well known to the patrons of the best theatres and are in constant command. They carry special scenery for their act, and will contribute a very bright number to the programme. "Tina" a winsome child artist, who has just closed a long and successful engagement in Chicago, will introduce a new and clever acrobatic dancer, Tom Heform, the one-legged comedian, who created a specialty to Richmond. He is a dancer, and a high kicker. Bennett and Kessner, will illustrate a series of new songs and display some of the most beautiful views.

Regular performances will take place all week.

BARTON HEIGHTS.

Items of a Newsy and Personal Nature From the Pretty Suburb.

At a regular meeting of the Town Council on Friday evening an application was received from the Virginia Electric and Development Company for a franchise to furnish light and power.

The congregation of the Methodist Episcopal Church was pleased to have their first pastor, Rev. S. C. Halcher, of Norfolk, preach for them Sunday evening.

Captain O'Bannon, who has been confined to his room for the past two weeks

by grip, is very much improved.

Mrs. W. K. Biche has returned from the Old Dominion Hospital, and continues to improve.

Mrs. D. J. Gregory is quite sick at her residence.

Mrs. Emma Bailey has been indisposed for the past week.

Miss Edna Hatcher has recovered from her recent indisposition, and Mrs. Turpin is convalescent.

Miss Mamie Hooper has returned from a visit to relatives in Pennsylvania.

A cottage prayer-meeting was held at the residence of Mr. Walter Perkins, Brookland Park, on Friday evening. The next will be at the residence of Mayor Starritt.

BORNE TO THE TOMB.

Funeral of Mr. James A. Lawson Held Yesterday Afternoon.

The funeral of Mr. J. A. Lawson took place from Pine-Street Baptist Church yesterday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock. The interment was in River View cemetery.

The pall-bearers were: Messrs. Phil Seay, P. M. Frye, John Miller, E. W. Ball, W. O. Condry, D. J. Cole, Thomas Boudar and William Lee.

Captain Frank Cunningham sang "Gates Ajar," and Misses Annie and Levia Martin sang "Oh! If I Had the Wings of a Dove."

The Kellogg Bird Carnival.

The Kellogg Bird Carnival and Concert Company will give its initial performance in this city on Tuesday, April 2d. There will be two performances, one at 3:30, the other at 8:15 P. M. This is for the benefit of the Home for Incubables. Tickets can be had at the music stores. No one should miss the entertainment, as it is instructive for both young and old. It will be held at the Auditorium.

MRS. OLIE YAGER

IS GONE AGAIN

Her Baggage Traced as Far as Philadelphia.

ALL TRACE OF HER LOST.

The Lewis faction to be tried in the Courts for Disturbing the Republican Convention—Capt. Patterson Successor.

HARRISONBURG, VA., March 24.—Special.—Mrs. Olie Yager, whose disappearance in December caused so much alarm and uneasiness to her husband and other relatives, has not been located yet, since her second disappearance in Washington Monday.

Her baggage has been traced to Philadelphia. She and her husband, Mr. Thos. P. Yager, whose home is at Cross Keys, drove to town Sunday evening and spent the night as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Altaffer. Early Monday morning they boarded the Southern train for Washington, she to visit relatives and he to go on to Baltimore to buy goods. Handsome gowns made before leaving Cross Keys and her father, Dr. J. B. Webb, gave her three hundred dollars with which to buy a piano. When her husband bade her good-bye at the B. & O. Station at Washington, he expected her to go immediately to the home of her friends. But instead, she purchased a ticket for Philadelphia on the next out-going train.

ALL TRACE LOST.

There, all trace of her has been lost. Mr. Yager has returned home and is awaiting the result of the detectives' work, who have been engaged on the case. It was thought by all that after her restoration to her husband, following her first escape she was living happily with her husband. In fact, he had received her back just as though nothing had ever happened.

Mrs. Yager is from one of the best families in the county, and is a woman of culture and refinement. She is of a vivacious disposition and has been married to Mr. Yager, an enterprising large-marriage to her husband, who has been a member of the faculty of a Catholic Institution near Richmond.

NO CHILDREN.

They have no children. To those who know these people best, Mrs. Yager's sudden disappearance as well as her first is still a mystery.

Rev. Father McVerry, who has been in charge of the church of the Transfiguration here, has resigned his charge, and will become a member of the faculty of a Catholic Institution near Richmond.

KENTUCKY METHODS.

The Lewis faction of the Republican party in Rockingham, who on last Saturday attempted to introduce Kentucky methods in Rockingham politics, will probably come to grief in the civil courts.

The trial of those implicated in the row will occur next Friday.

Mr. L. H. Suauk and Miss Nettie Bowman, two popular young people, of this county, were married Wednesday morning. They left immediately for an extended northern bridal-tour.

CAPTAIN PATTERSON'S SUCCESSOR.

Sheriff Switzer has received an order from Governor Tyler for a special election in May to fill the vacancy in the Legislature, caused by the death of the late Capt. B. G. Patterson. The person elected will never be sworn in, except in the event of a special session.

Mr. Frank G. Woodson has been appointed Commissioner of Valuation for this county.

The pretty weather for the last few days has set the farmers a-going, and our town seems almost deserted by the worthy tiller of the soil.

FOUND AND LOST AGAIN.

ROANOKE, VA., March 24.—Special.—Mrs. Otis Joy Yeager, wife of Thomas P. Yeager, of Cross Keys, Va., and a daughter of Dr. John P. Bell, ex-State Senator, of Rockingham county, Va., mysteriously disappeared several months ago from Richmond, and after a month's search was finally located in Scranton, Penn., through the efforts of the Baldwin Detective Agency, of Roanoke.

She was employed as a domestic in a private family and was located through her portrait and description in the Philadelphia Inquirer. On Monday last Mrs. Yeager accompanied her husband to Washington, where she again mysteriously disappeared. Mr. Yeager at once telegraphed Mr. Baldwin, who went to Washington and took charge of the case. He at once learned that she had expressed her baggage to Philadelphia. He traced her and located her six miles from that city, and on Wednesday he had returned her to her distressed husband.

HOPELESSLY INSANE.

Mr. Baldwin returned to Roanoke, and Mrs. Yeager made her escape for the third time, and although every effort has been made to ascertain her whereabouts, it has been without avail. She seems to be completely lost.

Mr. Baldwin stated to-day that she was hopelessly insane over religion. She is prominent in church and social life in Rockingham county and her relatives are greatly worried over her mysterious disappearance.

Big Saving in GROCERIES!

S. Ulman's Son,

We bought the Stock of Groceries of Mr. Alexandria, 817 West Cary Street, who retired from business, at 50 cents on the Dollar, and we are going to give our customers benefit of same. Just read carefully below the bargains for you this week. Come early to avoid the rush.

Early June Peas, 7c can; Canned Tomatoes, 5c; Large Canned Tomatoes, 6c; Canned Salmon, 9c; Naval Oranges, 12c dozen; Lemon Cakes, 5c lb.; Large Bars Jefferson Soap, 2c bar; Evaporated Apples, 8c lb.

White-Wash Brushes 10. 15. 20 and 25 cents.

Standard American Granulated Sugar, 5c pound.

Try our Snowflake Patent Flour, 25c bag, or \$4 barrel.

California Hams, 8½c pound—small ones.

New Virginia Buckwheat, 10 pounds for 25c.

Fine Blackberry Wine, 10c quart. Fine Catawba Wine, 10c quart. New Farina, 5c pound.

Canned Salmon, 9c can. Seeded Raisins, 10c package, or 3 for 25c.

Naval Oranges, 18c dozen. New Layer Figs, 10c lb.

Genuine Early Rose Potatoes 80c bushel.

Best New Crop New Orleans Molasses 40c gallon.

Lion Coffee, 11½c pound. Large Lemons, 12c dozen.

New Seedless Raisins, 7c. Honey Drip Syrup, 9c can. Jefferson Soap, 2c.

Pure Sugar Syrup 25c gallon. Large Jams River Shad 3 for 25c. Salt Pork, 5½c.

Pure Lard, 6½c pound. Levering's E. L. L. Coffee, 1-½c lb. Small Navy Beans, 8c quart.

Try our Creamery Butter at 15c lb. It will please you.

Fine Mixed French Candy, 5c lb. Good Brooms—2 string, 12c; 3-string, 15c; 4-string, 20c.

Worcester Sauce, 5c bottle. Blacking and Scrubbing Brushes 8 cents.

Mixed Cakes, 7c lb. Shoe Polish, Black and Tan, 5c Bottle.

Large can Bartlett Pears, 10c. Sour Pickles, 18c. gallon.

1 lb. Bricks Boneless Cod-fish, 5c.

Scotch Herrings, 20c Box. Coarse Meal for feeding, 43c bushel.

Good Tea Dust, 25c pound. Smoked Basters, 25c dozen.

1 lb package New Dates, 6c. Canned Tomatoes, large cans, 6c. Jefferson Spring Wheat Flour, \$1.50 barrel, or 25c sack.

Quart can Maple Syrup, 25c. Fresh Lemon Crackers, 5c lb. Best Java Green Coffee, 2 lbs for 25c.

New Olives, 10c bottle. Ivory Starch 4c Package.

10 lb bucket Home-Made Preserves, 65c.

Silver King Patent Flour, \$4.25 bbl, or 27c bag. Best in the world.

3 cakes White Castile Soap for 5c. 16 bars Special Soap for 25c.

Large Lump Starch, 2 lbs. for 7c. 4 yr old Rye Whiskey, \$2.00 gal.

Best New Crop New Orleans Molasses, 40c gallon.

Try our Fine Ground Coffee, 10c pound.

Large Irish Potatoes, Peck, 18c. New North Carolina Cut Herrings, 8c dozen.

Best Canned Corn, 4 for 25c. New North Carolina Gross Herrings, 10c doz, or \$2.75 bbl.

1-lb pkg Lunch Crackers, 8c. Best Canned Corn, 7c or 4 for 25c.

Broiled Mackerel 7c Can. New Sour Krout, 5c quart.

Evaporated Peaches, 10c pound. Carolina Rice 5c lb.